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Lord of the Far Island Mar 15 2021 Orphaned at five and raised on the charity of wealthy cousins, Ellen Kellaway searches for the secrets of her long lost family on a wild island off the Cornwall coast.

The Black Opal Feb 11 2021 Returning to England many years after a murder had taken away her adoptive family, Carmel March searches her memory for the truth behind her past and wonders about the role played by her childhood friend, Lucian. Reprint.

The Book of Forgotten Authors Dec 24 2021 'JOYOUS . . . READERS WILL LOVE THIS FASCINATING BOOK' CATHY RENTZENBRINK 'A GODSEND WITH THE PRESENT SEASON APPROACHING' IRISH INDEPENDENT 'THE PERFECT GIFT FOR A BOOK-OBSSESSED FRIEND' STYLIST, 50 UNMISSABLE BOOKS FOR AUTUMN 2017 'EXCELLENT . . . SHOULD BE READ BY ANYONE WHO LOVES BOOKS' EVENING STANDARD Absence doesn't make the heart grow fonder. It makes people think you're dead. So begins Christopher Fowler's foray into the back catalogues and backstories of 99 authors who, once hugely popular, have all but disappeared from our shelves. Whether male or female, domestic or international, flash-in-the-pan or prolific, mega-seller or prize-winner - no author, it seems, can ever be fully immune from the fate of being forgotten. And Fowler, as well as remembering their careers, lifts the lid on their lives, and why they often stopped writing

or disappeared from the public eye. These 99 journeys are punctuated by 12 short essays about faded once-favourites: including the now-vanished novels Walt Disney brought to the screen, the contemporary rivals of Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie who did not stand the test of time, and the women who introduced us to psychological suspense many decades before it conquered the world. This is a book about books and their authors. It is for book lovers, and is written by one who could not be a more enthusiastic, enlightening and entertaining guide. 'A BIBLIOPHILE'S DREAM' FINANCIAL TIMES 'WILL HAVE READERS SCURRYING INTO SECONDHAND BOOKSHOPS' GUARDIAN The Captive Jun 29 2022 In Rosetta Cranleigh's eighteenth year, her life is suddenly shattered when her first ocean voyage ends in a shipwreck off the African coast. Only the quick thinking of a mysterious young deck hand, John Player, saves her from the rage of the sea--and sweeps her into the tempestuous waters of passion. **The Silk Vendetta** Jun 25 2019 Beautiful Lenore Cleremont is caught in a tangled quest for vengeance until an arrogant French count reveals a secret from the past *Walls of Ash* Jan 31 2020 Tamsin Rhineholt is a stubborn and unconventional daughter of Rhineholt House. In a time when young ladies were bred to wed and follow orders, she finds herself faced with decisions that could lead her into the arms of love, or into danger. With the discovery of harrowing family secrets, Tamsin's

sweet dreams of her mother become dark, terrifying nightmares, warning her of the terrible things to come. A great mystery that surrounds her mother's disappearance could be the key to the evil that pursues her, but when everything is snatched away, she falls into desperation that only one can save her from. Can he be her salvation, or will it be too late?.

The Pride of the Peacock Jul 07 2020 A young woman uncovers her family's dark secrets in this mystery and her connection to a famously cursed gemstone in this Victorian gothic thriller from an internationally bestselling author To secure her inheritance, Jessica Clavering agrees to a marriage of convenience, but will her handsome new husband's desire for her ever surpass his obsession with a famously cursed opal? Raised in the shadow of her family's financial ruin, Jessica has never felt as though she fit in. When her only friend, an elderly neighbor, offers her the chance at a new life, she's eager to take it. His only condition: she must marry her son, Joss. The newlyweds inherit a fabled opal mine in Australia. It's only once they arrive on the faraway continent that Jessica starts to uncover her family's dark past and her connection to the Green Flash, an exquisite and spellbinding opal. The stone arouses a dangerous desire in anyone who sees it-even her husband. Blending historical romance with elements of the paranormal, *The Pride of the Peacock* is an exhilarating tale from the Queen of Gothic Romance. Fans of Susanna Kearsley, Daphne Du Maurier, and Kate Morton will be spellbound by classic story of an overseas voyage, a cursed opal, and forbidden desire. Other Titles from Victoria Holt *The India Fan*: Drusilla's glamorous neighbors gift her a priceless family heirloom-a beautiful fans with a terrible curse *The Shivering Sands*: Caroline Verlaine's sister has gone missing and no one can tell her why. The only option is to go where Roma was last seen-an estate with a deadly history. *The Time of the Hunter's Moon*: According to legend, a girl will see her future husband at the time of the hunter's moon. But when the handsome stranger revealed to Cordelia Grant disappears after an all-too-brief encounter, she has to wonder: Was he merely an apparition...or something more? What readers are saying about *The Pride of the Peacock* "The heroine is adventurous, the hero is

brooding, and the twists and turns of the story are unexpected, culminating in a surprise but satisfying ending." "It's suspenseful, full of relationship tales, uplifting, and I had a hard time putting it down!" "I couldn't put it down. The twist at the end is surprising and reminiscent of Agatha Christie's style. Definitely a classic." "One of Holt's best books." "I loved this book. I have read it over and over again-along with every novel ever written by Victoria Holt!" What reviewers are saying about *The Pride of the Peacock* "The mysteries drew me in and kept me guessing right up to the end..."-*The Good, the Bad, and the Unread* "This is just story telling at its finest."-*Romancing the Book* What everyone is saying about the Queen of Gothic Romance Victoria Holt "Victoria Holt's writing is captivating"-*Bookfoolery* "She spins history with romance and intrigue and always leaves me wanting more." "Holt's stories are spell binding....page turners." "I love her books! I have read all of them again and again. She is a wonderful storyteller." "One of the supreme writers of gothic romance, a compelling storyteller whose gripping novelshave thrilled millions."-RT Book Reviews

Mistress of Mellyn Jan 25 2022 An epic tale of love and mystery written in the great romantic tradition.

The King of the Castle May 29 2022 Dallas Lawson came alone to the legend-haunted chateau, the castle of the notorious Comte de la Talle, deep in the wine country of France. When she set eyes on the handsome Comte, she knew she would never leave willingly. What she didn't know was that she might never leave ... alive.

The Secret Woman Feb 23 2022

Secret for a Nightingale Jul 27 2019 With the outbreak of the Crimean War, Susanna Pleydell journeys to the Middle East to work as a nurse with the legendary Florence Nightingale, but is haunted by a dark secret from her past

Mistress of Mellyn Apr 03 2020 Mount Mellyn stood as proud and magnificent as she had envisioned...But what bout its master--Connan TreMellyn? Was Martha Leigh's new employer as romantic as his name sounded? As she approached the sprawling mansion towering above the cliffs of Cornwall, an odd chill of apprehension overcame her. TreMellyn's young daughter, Alvean, proved as spoiled and difficult

as the three governesses before Martha had discovered. But it was the girl's father whose cool, arrogant demeanor unleashed unfamiliar sensations and turmoil—even as whispers of past tragedy and present danger begin to insinuate themselves into Martha's life. Powerless against her growing desire for the enigmatic Connan, she is drawn deeper into family secrets—as passion overpowers reason, sending her head and heart spinning. But though evil lurks in the shadows, so does love—and the freedom to find a golden promise forever...

My Enemy, the Queen Sep 20 2021 "SHE'S THE QUEEN OF THE GENRE; WITH HER AT THE HELM, YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN FOR A GREAT RIDE." --The Ocala Star-Banner It was Lettice who married the Earl of Leicester, whom Elizabeth I loved. And it was Lettice who was the mother of the Queen's beloved Earl of Essex. That young earl would one day break the Queen's heart. It was always Lettice, the constant spoiler in the triangle of love surrounding Elizabeth. . . . "Victoria Holt is the mistress of historical, romantic suspense." --The Chattanooga Times

Seven for a Secret Sep 01 2022

The Secret Woman Nov 03 2022 "One of the best romantic-suspense novelists."—Associated Press The ship and her captain were supposed to be her salvation, but they both may end up leaving her in deep water Anna Brett fears she's doomed to be a governess to an English family for the rest of her life. But when the dashing captain Redvers Stretton struts back into her life, she is whisked away from the bleak English countryside forever. But is that such a good thing? While the charming blue-eyed captain makes Anna forget her troubled past, he is hiding dark secrets of his own. It's no coincidence that Stretton's ship is named The Secret Woman. During their voyage to the South Seas, with a murder dogging her steps and the mystery of a missing treasure haunting her dreams, Anna is forced to confront the clever captain—a man who may have just as many secrets as she.

The Shadow of the Lynx Dec 12 2020 When Nora Tamsin arrives in Australia she finds herself under the guardianship of the powerful, terrifying, and irresistibly fascinating Charles Herrick, known as the Lynx. Everyone around

her seems to be obsessed with the search for gold; an obsession so compulsive that it drives people from their homes to destitution, and even to death. Stirling Herrick wants it because his father did; and the Lynx himself seems determined to find it if only to exact some kind of revenge. Caught up in a violent world where life is held cheaply, Nora is both intoxicated by the gold rush climate and overwhelmed by the power of the mighty Lynx. Unable to desist, she becomes involved in his murderous schemes, returning to England, and to Whiteladies House.

Excellent Women Sep 28 2019 Mildred Lathbury is one of those 'excellent women' who is often taken for granted. She is a godsend, 'capable of dealing with most of the stock situations of life - birth, marriage, death, the successful jumble sales, the garden fete spoilt by bad weather'. As such, she often gets herself embroiled in other people's lives - especially those of her glamorous new neighbours, the Napiers, whose marriage seems to be on the rocks. One cannot take sides in these matters, though it is tricky, especially as Mildred, teetering on the edge of spinsterhood, has a soft spot for dashing young Rockingham Napier. This is Barbara Pym's world at its funniest and most touching.

The India Fan Apr 27 2022 "A mesmerizing story of blackmail, romance, and deception."-

Associated Press A parson's daughter, Druscilla Delaney is enthralled by her wealthy, glamorous neighbors—the Framlings—and their handsome son, Fabian. They gift her with a priceless heirloom, a beautiful fan that brings with it a terrible curse. Beautiful as its peacock feathers may be, the priceless fan hidden deep in the Framling mansion has a legacy of death and destruction. And Druscilla has no idea she's been marked by its curse. But the fan's dark past might prove less of a danger than Fabian Framling himself. Dark, brooding, and dominating, will he be the one to save her from the fan's cruel fate...or cause her demise? Including elements of historical romance and romantic suspense, *The India Fan* is a spellbinding tale from the Queen of Gothic Romance. Fast-paced and gripping, fans of Georgette Heyer, Mary Stewart, and Daphne Du Maurier will be awestruck by this Victorian gothic thriller complete with romance, murder,

and mayhem. Other Titles from Victoria Holt
Pride and the Peacock: To secure her inheritance, Jessica Clavering agrees to a marriage of convenience, but will her handsome new husband's desire for her ever surpass his obsession with a famously cursed opal? *The Shivering Sands*: Caroline Verlaine's sister has gone missing and no one can tell her why. The only option is to go where Roma was last seen—an estate with a deadly history. *The Time of the Hunter's Moon*: According to legend, a girl will see her future husband at the time of the hunter's moon. But when the handsome stranger revealed to Cordelia Grant disappears after an all-too-brief encounter, she has to wonder: Was he merely an apparition...or something more? What readers are saying about *The India Fan* "The India Fan was beautiful. It was long and complex and draining. It was gripping." "Once you start, you can't put it down." "A knock-out novel of mysticism and murder..." "This book brings memories!!! I read it when I was in high school and it remains one of my favorite books to read." What reviewers are saying about *The India Fan* "...romance, curses, dark secrets, and a Gothic tale of epic proportions"-My Book Addiction and More "...an absolutely engrossing read. The story-telling is excellent and I found the historical background fascinating."-Romantic Historical Lovers "Enthralling."-The New York Times Book Review "Fresh and steadily compelling."-Kirkus "Readers will savor this sweeping coming-of-age tale"-Publishers Weekly "The India Fan is one of those epic stories that you can completely immerse yourself in and it will stay in your memory for years."-Great Historicals What everyone is saying about the Queen of Gothic Romance Victoria Holt "Victoria Holt's writing is captivating"-Bookfoolery "She spins history with romance and intrigue and always leaves me wanting more." "Holt's stories are spell binding....page turners." "I love her books! I have read all of them again and again. She is a wonderful storyteller." "One of the supreme writers of gothic romance, a compelling storyteller whose gripping novels have thrilled millions."-RT Book Reviews *Female Gothic Histories* Mar 03 2020 *Female Gothic Histories* traces the development of women's Gothic historical fiction from Sophia Lee's *The Recess* in the late eighteenth century

through the work of Elizabeth Gaskell, Vernon Lee, Daphne du Maurier and Victoria Holt to the bestselling novels of Sarah Waters in the twenty-first century. Often left out of traditional historical narratives, women writers have turned to Gothic historical fiction as a mode of writing which can both reinsert them into history and symbolise their exclusion. This study breaks new ground in bringing together thinking about the Gothic and the historical novel, and in combining psychoanalytic theory with historical contextualisation.

Mistress of Mellyn Sep 08 2020 Powerless against her growing desire for the enigmatic Connan, Martha Leigh is drawn deep into family secrets--sending her head and heart spinning. Though evil lurks in the shadows, so does love.

On the Night of the Seventh Moon Jul 19 2021 For generations, Victoria Holt has dazzled and entertained millions of readers with her spine-tingling novels of romantic suspense. *On the Night of the Seventh Moon* is one of her most evocative, magical, and chilling. Come take a journey into a dark and shadowy forest where nothing is as it seems.... On the night of the seventh moon, according to ancient Black Forest legend, Loke, the god of mischief, is abroad in the world. It is a night for singing and dancing. And it is a night for love. Helena Trant was enchanted by everything she found in the Black Forest—its people, its mysterious castles, its legends and lore. Especially its legends of love. Until the day she started to live one of them and the enchantment turned suddenly into a terrifying nightmare....

Hot Stew Oct 10 2020 Longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize 'Ambitious, clever, brilliant and very funny . . . If Elmet announced the arrival of a bright new voice in British literature, *Hot Stew* confirms Mozley as a writer of extraordinary empathic gifts' Observer 'A dazzling Dickensian tale . . . In an age when so many novelists of Mozley's generation take refuge in the dystopian, she has reinvigorated large-scale social realism for our times' Guardian, *Book of the Day* 'Where the mystical, elemental qualities of Elmet earned it comparisons with Lawrence and Hardy, her second novel is a sprawling urban comedy more likely to recall Ben Jonson or Dickens' Daily Telegraph 'Did you know in Tudor times all the brothels were south of the

river in Southwark and it was only much later that they moved up this way to Soho. Stews, they were called then.' Pungent, steamy, insatiable Soho; the only part of London that truly never sleeps. Tourists dawdling, chancers skulking, addicts shuffling, sex workers strutting, punters prowling, businessmen striding, the homeless and the lost. Down Wardour Street, ducking onto Dean Street, sweeping into L'Escargot, darting down quiet back alleyways, skirting dumpsters and drunks, emerging on to raucous main roads, fizzing with energy and riotous with life. On a corner, sits a large townhouse, the same as all its neighbours. But this building hosts a teeming throng of rich and poor, full from the basement right up to the roof terrace. Precious and Tabitha call the top floors their home but it's under threat; its billionaire-owner Agatha wants to kick the women out to build expensive restaurants and luxury flats. Men like Robert, who visit the brothel, will have to go elsewhere. Those like Cheryl, who sleep in the basement, will have to find somewhere else to hide after dark. But the women won't go quietly. Soho is their turf and they are ready for a fight. 'A complex mosaic of urban life . . . The Soho Mozley captures with such intensity is not a mere locality. It is a microcosm of swarming humanity' The Times 'At its best, it recalls the kind of capacious, rollicking satires Britain produced in and around the Thatcher era - ambitious, scathing and damn good fun' TLS

The Road to Paradise Island Jan 13 2021

Kirkland Revels Aug 27 2019 Kirkland Revels loomed high above the wild and eerie Yorkshire moors like a brooding stone fortress. To some there was an atmosphere of evil about the place, but to innocent young bride Catherine Rockwell, the mansion seemed magnificently romantic. She did not know then of the terrible secrets imprisoned behind its massive walls. Or that at the moment she had entered her new home, she had crossed the threshold of terror ...

The Legend of the Seventh Virgin Oct 22 2021 Kerensa Carlee, a Cornish village girl, and Mellyora Martin, daughter of the local pastor, grew up like sisters, but when the time came to earn their own living, it was Kerensa who became mistress of the great house.

The Shivering Sands May 17 2021 "One of the supreme writers of gothic romance, a compelling

storyteller whose gripping novels have thrilled millions."-RT Book Reviews Her sister's mysterious disappearance will lead her to a deadly secret... Caroline Verlainne knows something is wrong. Her sister has gone missing and no one can tell her why. The only option is to go where Roma was last seen-an estate with a deadly history. The Stacy family has lived off the Dover coast for generations, carefully navigating the treacherous quicksands nearby. But the sands aren't Caroline's biggest threat. Everyone here has a secret, especially the enigmatic young heir Napier Stacy. No matter where Caroline turns, the ground she walks is dangerous. And the closer Caroline comes to unraveling the truth, the closer she comes to sharing her sister's fate. What readers are saying about *The Shivering Sands* "The feel of this story was similar to that of Rebecca-the sort of dark, shivery, mysterious feeling. The end was WAY better in my opinion, though. Definitely a good read!" "This is a five-star historical, romance, mystery, psychological thriller." "The most suspenseful book ever, and many years later, after having read countless Holt books, I can safely say that this is her best work."

Snare of Serpents Jun 17 2021 Seeking to escape accusations that she had something to do with her father's death, Davina Glentyre flees Edinburgh for Africa, where she meets handsome Roger Lestrangle and his ailing wife and is swept up in the Boer War

The Judas Kiss May 05 2020 When Philippa Ewell begins a furtive investigation of her sister's death in Bruxenstein, she finds herself falsely charged with murder

Secret for a Nightingale Mar 27 2022 With the outbreak of the Crimean War, Susanna Pleydell journeys to the Middle East to work as a nurse with the legendary Florence Nightingale but is haunted by a dark secret from her past.

Bride of Pendorrice Apr 15 2021 For hundreds of years the house Pendorrice has stood, noble and arrogant on the Cornish cliffs. To this house comes the new bride, happy until she discovers that someone is planning a special place for her in the family vault with other "Brides of Pendorrice" who have all died mysteriously and tragically.

The Spring of the Tiger Oct 29 2019 When Sarah Ashington's actress mother dies after a

devastating scandal, Sarah is left at her long-lost father's rambling, ancestral estate to face the disturbing questions of her own past. Then her father's death draws her to his Ceylon plantation -- and into the shadows of a legend from which their may be no return . . .

The Secret Woman Oct 02 2022 Anna Brett becomes romantically involved with a man she could never hope to marry.

Women of the Dunes Nov 30 2019 The new novel from the acclaimed author of *The House Between Tides*, winner of the Waterstones Scottish Book of the Year 2018! 'Sarah Maine is a master of Scottish historical fiction' Sunday Post **** It is the women who are keepers of tales. Atmospheric, intoxicating and filled with intrigue, this sweeping novel is an epic story spanning the centuries, that links three women together across history. Libby Snow spent her childhood hearing stories and legends from long ago. Now an archaeologist, her job is to dig deeper into the past, but her excavation at Ullaness, on Scotland's west coast has a very personal resonance. For the headland of Ullaness holds not only the secrets of the legend of Ulla, the Norsewoman, but also begins the strange story of Ellen. Libby's grandmother passed on these tales - of love, betrayal and loss - but the more Libby learns at Ullaness, the more twisted the threads become. When human remains are discovered in the dunes, it becomes clear that time, and intention, have distorted accounts of what happened there. Is it too late to uncover the truth? Or is Libby herself in danger of being caught up in this tangled web of fable and deceit? Praise for Sarah Maine: 'An echo of Daphne du Maurier' - Independent 'Maine adroitly weaves together the three strands of her novel' Sunday Times 'Maine writes beautifully about the wilderness' - The Times 'Maine skillfully balances a Daphne du Maurier atmosphere with a Barbara Vine-like psychological mystery...' - Kirkus

The House of a Thousand Lanterns Nov 10 2020 Jane leaves the safety of her English home to live in the house of a thousand lanterns in Hong Kong. She gets caught up in an atmosphere of menace and resentment, and

when the house passes into her hands, she believes that someone is trying to kill her. Gay Lord Robert Aug 08 2020 Based on the life of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester.

The Devil on Horseback Nov 22 2021 Minella, involved in the intrigues of the daughter of the Comte Fontaine Delibres, goes with her to France. After she meets the Comte's invalid wife, his bastard son and the mysterious Leon, she becomes caught up in the danger that surrounds the Chateau. Disaster looms over her as she is regarded as a hated aristocrat.

The Curse of the Kings Jul 31 2022

Beyond the Blue Mountains Jan 01 2020

The Sixth Wife Jun 05 2020 Delve deep into a superb, fictionalised account of Henry VIII's sixth Queen, the mysterious Katharine Parr, written by multi-million copy and international bestselling author Jean Plaidy. This vibrant and captivating historical page-turner, perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, is guaranteed to have you hooked from page one... 'Jean Plaidy doesn't just write the history, she makes it come alive.' -- Julia Moffat, RNA 'Plaidy excels at blending history with romance and drama' -- New York Times 'Full-blooded, dramatic, exciting' - Observer 'A must read' -- ***** Reader review 'I could not put this book down once I started reading' -- ***** Reader review 'A pleasure to read' -- ***** Reader review 'She makes history come alive' -- ***** Reader review

Katharine Parr has unwittingly become the last pawn in King Henry VIII's ambitions for an heir. Already twice widowed, Katharine finally dares to hope that she might find love with the dashing Thomas Seymour - but Henry has decided he must have a sixth wife and Seymour's intentions to marry Katharine have not gone unnoticed. Unable to refuse the King of England, Katharine becomes his reluctant bride. Once again it seems only a matter of time before another wife's fate leads her to the Tower of London. Will fate be kind to her...? The Tudor saga continues in *The Thistle and the Rose*.

The Demon Lover Aug 20 2021 Kate discovers that the Baron has shocking plans for her future.